

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-21 (cancelled)

22. (new) An intrinsic gauging assembly comprising;

a two part coupling comprised of first coupling member and a second coupling member, wherein each of said first and second coupling members include a threaded member for forming a coupling connection between said first and second coupling members;

a visually perceptible marking on at least one of said first or second coupling members, wherein said visually perceptible marking is visible when the fitting is in a finger tight condition, and is substantially imperceptible when in an initial pull up position.

23. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22, wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises at least two demarcations to form a leading edge and a trailing edge, wherein said leading edge corresponds to a finger-tight position and said trailing edge corresponds to an additional predetermined axial displacement of one of said first or second coupling members relative to the other of said first or second coupling members and corresponds to said initial pull up position.

24. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 further comprising a second visible marking on said at least one of said first or second coupling members, wherein said second visible marking corresponds to a maximum pull up position.

25. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined surface on said at least one of said first or second coupling members.

26. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 25, wherein said machined surface is knurled.

27. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined recess.

28. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a band having a predetermined axial length.

29. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 22 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a colored machine groove.

30. (new) An intrinsic gauging assembly comprising:

a two part coupling comprised of first coupling member and a second coupling member, wherein each of said first and second coupling members include a threaded member for forming a coupling connection between said first and second coupling members;

a visually perceptible marking on at least one of said first or second coupling members, wherein said visually perceptible marking is visible when the fitting is in an initial pull up position, and is substantially imperceptible when in a maximum pull up position.

31. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein a distance between the initial pull up position and the maximum pull of position is a predetermined axial length that determines a number of subsequent remakes of the two part coupling.

32. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined surface on said at least one of said first or second coupling members.

33. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 32, wherein said machined surface is knurled.

34. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a machined recess.

35. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a band having a predetermined axial length.

36. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 30 wherein said visually perceptible marking comprises a colored machine groove.

37. (new) Intrinsic gauging assembly comprising:

(a) a two part coupling comprised of first coupling member and a second coupling member, wherein each of said first and second coupling members include a threaded member for forming a coupling connection between said first and second coupling members; and

(b) at least three marking indicating a pull-up position:

(i) a first marking indicating a finger-tight position;

(ii) a second marking indicating an initial pull-up position; and

(iii) a third marking indicating a maximum pull up position.

38. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 37 further comprising an axial length between said first and second marking, wherein said axial length is substantially imperceptible when said assembly is in the initial pull-up position.

39. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 37 wherein each of said at least three markings are edges of one or more machined recesses.

40. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 37 wherein each of said at least three markings are edges of one or more bands, each having a predetermined axial length.

41. (new) The intrinsic gauging assembly of claim 40 wherein each of said one or more bands is a different color.